



Welcome to St James Hampton Hill

Sunday 17 December Third Sunday of Advent

0800	0930	1100
<p>Holy Communion (Said) Clergy Derek Winterburn</p>	<p>Parish Communion President Julian Reindorp Deacon/Preacher Derek Winterburn Hymns: 43, 484, 245, 246^, 422 <i>^May be sung during communion</i></p>	<p> together <i>at eleven</i></p> <p>Meet Baby Jesus Followed by crafts and Refreshments</p>

Today at 1800 Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 18	0915 Morning Prayer
Tuesday 19	1000 Holy Communion and Coffee 1300 Church Radiators site visit
Wednesday 20	0915 Morning Prayer
Thursday 21	0915 Morning Prayer 1100 Laurel Dene Carols
Friday 22	0915 Morning Prayer
Saturday 23	0930-1200 Flower Arrangers prepare church

COMING SOON



Children's Carol Services

Children are encouraged to come dressed as Mary, Joseph, animals, shepherds, wise men or angels

Sunday 24 Dec 3.00pm & 4.30pm



CONTACTING US

VICAR	CURATE	FAMILIES & CHILDREN
<p>020 8241 5904 The Revd Derek Winterburn is happy to be contacted at any time other than Monday (his day off). vicar@stjames-hamptonhill.org.uk</p> 	<p>074 9677 0505 The Revd Jacky Cammidge runs Hampton Hill Nursery School during the week curate@stjames-hamptonhill.org.uk</p> 	<p>074 7110 1487 Karen Roach is Children and Families' Work Leader, working full-time based in the Church Office karen.roach@stjames-hamptonhill.org.uk</p> 

CHURCH OFFICE

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Usual opening hours: Mon, Wed and Fri 0930-1230; Tue and Thu 1230-1530

For hall bookings and all general enquiries.

COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

OTHER READING:

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

FIRST READING:

ISAIAH 61: 1-4, 8-11

The servant of the Lord said:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself
with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring
up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

THE GOSPEL:

JOHN 1: 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to
the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to
testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem
to ask him, 'Who are you?'

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'
And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?'

He said, 'I am not.'
'Are you the prophet?'
He answered, 'No.'

Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'

He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord", as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'

John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

FEATURED EVENTS



Christmas at St James's Church

Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve

2300 First Eucharist of Christmas

Our traditional start to Christmas

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

0930 All Age Communion for Christmas

Celebrate with all the family

LATEST NEWS

Children's Leader starts

Our new Children and Families' Work Leader started work this week. **Karen Roach** will be based in the church office during the week, when not out and about the parish. Look out for her and make her welcome.

Karen, who has a theology BA, was born in Jamaica and has held a number of Church of England



positions as well as working as a volunteer in South Africa. You can read more about Karen in the February edition of the *Spire*.

■ Karen is pictured on our new bench by the south porch. The bench, made of beech, was given to us by the local council after they had to fell our beech tree.

Our thanks to Bryan Basdell, Lou Coaker, Jenny Wright, Linda Cargill and John and Ros Daly, who worked hard preparing the ground at the front of church, prior to the bench's installation.

NOTICES

Help the church go green

The church will be transformed by our small, but wonderful team of flower arrangers next Saturday for Christmas. Does your garden have any greenery you could spare? If so, please speak to Coryn or Linda before Saturday.

Calendars on sale here

The official **Hampton Hill Calendar 2018** is on sale at the back of church on Sundays. **It costs just £5** and part of the proceeds goes to the church.

Christingle Collection

The plate collection at the 1000 Christingle service raised **£267.52** (including Gift Aid) for The Children's Society. Don't forget to return your Christingle collecting box after Christmas, hopefully full of coins!

Crisis at Christmas

Crisis at Christmas opens centres over the Christmas week (23-29 December) for the homeless, providing food, warmth and somewhere to sleep. **Becky Jones will be working at one of the London centres.**

We can support her by donating men's toiletries, such as face cloths, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please leave them in the box marked *Crisis* in the baptistry.

Laurel Dene singers needed

We are hosting Christmas Carols at Laurel Dene this **Thursday 21 December at 1100**. Do come along if you can to support us with the singing.

A Christian holiday

In the summer thousands of Christians gather together to enjoy a week in Somerset with a wide range of activities for all ages. The programme is very full so people choose what they go to - worship celebrations, workshops, leisure activities.

Most go to at least something in the morning and a meeting in the evening. There is a full range of activity groups for children and young people. If you would like a spiritual tonic, a break from the rat race, worship with others, and world-class teaching, then think about coming to *New Wine*.

The dates are **Saturday 28 July-Friday 3 August**. The early bird price is £156 for an adult. By the way, did I mention it was camping? Talk to Sandra or Derek for details, or visit: united.new-wine.org/week-1

Quiz Night date

Following this year's success, our *Quiz Night* returns on **10 February**. Do keep the date free; remember, your team can never start too early to prepare!

Remember in your prayers...

Please hold in your prayers...

- Residents of **Falstaff Mews**
- The **Upper Room**, in Hammersmith
- **Coffee and Communion** on Tuesday
- **Karen Roach**, our new Children and Families' Work Leader
- **Laurel Dene**, where we shall be singing on Thursday
- Our **choir** and **organist** over Christmas
- Our **preparations for Christmas**



NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 24 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve*

0800 Holy Communion | **0930** Parish Communion
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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